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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In a restriction requirement dated September 19, 2002, in the above-identified matter, the Patent Office alleged that pending claims 1-82 were directed to 442 distinct inventions, and required restriction. Applicants' response is timely filed by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a one month extension of time to respond, extending the deadline for the response to November 19, 2002. Reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, however, should there be any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to deposit account No. 13-2855.